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## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 19, 2001

APPLICATION OF

EDGE CONNECTIONS OF VIRGINIA, LLC

CASE NO. PUC000154

For certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services

## FINAL ORDER

On October 3, 2000, Edge Connections of Virginia, LLC ("Edge" or the "Company"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Company also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated November 9, 2000, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Edge's application. This November 9, 2000, Order was subsequently amended by Orders issued January 26,

2001; February 5, 2001; and February 7, 2001; to reschedule the hearing date and associated procedural deadlines.

On March 9, 2001, Edge filed proof of service of the notice of the Company's application on all current local exchange and interexchange carriers certificated in the Commonwealth. On March 15, 2001, one day after the required March 14, 2001, deadline, Edge filed proof of publication in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Company's proposed service territory. The Company simultaneously filed a Motion for Extension of Time of the deadline for filing such proof.

On March 16, 2001, the Staff filed its Report finding that Edge's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules") and the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"). Based upon its review of Edge's application, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant the Company certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services subject to two conditions. First, should the Company collect customer deposits, Edge shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party, for such funds and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established by Edge shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission

determines is necessary. Second, the Company shall provide audited financial statements of its parent, Edge Connections, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of Edge's initial tariff.

A hearing was conducted on March 28, 2001. At the hearing, the Commission granted the Company's Motion for Extension of Time and accepted proof of notice as filed by Edge on March 15, 2001. The application and accompanying attachments and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. No public witnesses appeared.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and the Staff Report, finds that the Company should be granted certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission further finds that the Company may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Edge Connections of Virginia, LLC, is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-146A, to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

- (2) Edge Connections of Virginia, LLC, is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-550, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.
- (3) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Company may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.
- (4) The Company shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform to all applicable Commission rules and regulations.
- (5) Should the Company collect customer deposits, Edge shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party, for such funds and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement.

  Any escrow arrangement established by Edge shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines is necessary.
- (6) The Company shall provide audited financial statements of its parent, Edge Connections, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of Edge's initial tariff.

(7) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Charles V. Gerkin, Jr. Esquire, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Suite 3100, Promenade II, 1230 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3592; John F. Dudley, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and the Commission's Divisions of Communications, Public Utility Accounting, and Economics and Finance.

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